



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
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Nellie M. Gorbea, Secretary of State

Rules and Regulations Filing Form

1. Agency Name and Address

Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)

705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907

2. Title of Rule

Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

3. Statutory Source of Authority

R.I.G.L section 39-18, et seq.

4. Concise Explanatory Statement - §42-35-2.3

The purpose of the rule is to provide greater efficiency and quality control in the administration of RIPTA's Reduce Fare Bus Pass Program by standardizing the qualification and application process. There are two substantive differences between the proposed rule and final rule. First, the proposed rule would have required documentation of a disability rating of 70% or higher from the Veterans' Administration in order to qualify for a reduced fare bus pass. Based on public comment, the final rule reduces the 70% threshold to 40%. Second, under the proposed rule, individuals would be eligible to ride the RIPTA system at a reduced fare all day, regardless of their income. Under the final rule, individuals whose income falls below an income means-test would ride at a reduced rate all day, while individuals whose income falls above that means-test threshold would ride at a reduced rate only in "off peak" hours. The income means-test provision included in the final rule is part of the existing program as permitted by Rhode Island General Laws, Section 39-18-4. The proposed rule eliminated the means-test, but it has been re-instated in the final rule based on public comment and review.

5. Type of Filing

Emergency Rules

A1. Emergency 120-day initial - §42-35-3(b)

- ☐ Adoption
☐ Amendment of ERLID:
☐ Repeal of ERLID:

A2. Emergency 90-day renewal - §42-35-3(b)

- ☐ Adoption
☐ Amendment

Indicate ERLID of 120-day initial:

Brief Statement of Reason for Finding Imminent Peril §42-35-3(b)(2):

Final Rules

☐ B1. Amendment

☒ B2. Adoption

☐ B3. Repeal

☐ C. Technical Revision

Expires ERLID: 5597

If B1 or C, please indicate new, amended, deleted, or revised sections:

6. Notice and Hearing Information

Date of Public Notice - §42-35-3(a)(1):10/29/2015

Date of Public Hearing - §42-35-3(a)(2):11/17/2015

End of Comment Period:12/01/2015

7. Agency Additional Information - Web Page

<http://www.ripta.com>

8. Certification

I hereby certify that the attached rules and regulations were adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (42-35) and that they are true copies of this Department, attest,

 Name

 Notary Public

 Title

Subscribed and sworn before me
 this _____ day of _____, _____